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GAMES AND AMUSEMENTS BOARD

Accomplishment Report for CY 2011

The Games and Amusements Board (GAB) is the only agency in the entire governmental machinery entrusted with the responsibility of regulating and supervising the conduct of all professional sports and games in the country and raising their standards to a level comparable to those of foreign countries. The information listed below is the accomplishments of GAB for the Calendar Year 2011, to wit:

I. INCREASE IN NO. OF PROFESSIONAL SPORTS LICENSES & PERMITS

As of the year 2011, it will be noted that in general, the number of **licenses and permits issued** to professional game players, officials and other personnel increased compared to previous year, as can be gleaned in the following data:

A. Programs	Indicators	Target	Actual	Increase / Decrease	Percentage of Increase or Decrease (%)
I. General Administration & Support					
a. General Administration and Support Services					
1. General Management and Supervision					
2. Operation of GAB - Anti Illegal Gambling Unit					
	No. of surveillances or casing activities conducted	169	353	184	109%
	No. of searches & seizures operation	77	206	129	168%
	No. of persons arrested	24	168	144	600%
	No. of cases filed and prosecuted	24	287	263	1096%

II. Operations

a. Regulation of Professional Games & Amusements

1. Regulation & Supervision of Boxing and other Contact Sports

No. of licenses issued	1,210	1,361	151	12%
No. of permits issued	170	198	28	16%
No. of games regulated and supervised	1,218	1,244	26	2%

2. Regulation & Supervision of Professional Basketball and Other Professional Games

No. of licenses issued	943	1,169	226	24%
No. of permits issued	363	424	61	17%
No. of games regulated and supervised	2,516	3,013	497	20%

b. Supervision of Betting During Horse Racing

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No. of licenses issued	645	624	(21)	(3%)
No. of permits issued to operate off-track betting station	547	579	32	6%
No. of betting / events regulated & supervised	22,599	21,246	(1,353)	(6%)

- a. In the case of **Professional Boxing and Other Contact Sports Division**, it was observed that the number of licenses issued to players, officials and other personnel increased to 1,361 in 2011, which is 12% higher than the previous year's number and well above the targeted figure for 2011. This can be attributed to the continuous rise in interest on Mixed Martial Arts and Muay Thai sports, which are beginning to draw an increasing appeal from Contact Sports enthusiasts. Because of this, more promotions are held

nationwide, particularly in Davao, Baguio, and Manila, so that professional games held in 2011 reached 1,244, which is 2% higher than the previous year's number and well above the targeted figure for 2011. Also, total permits issued for year 2011 reached 198 which is 16% higher than the previous year's figure and targeted number for 2011;

The increase in professional contact sports can also be attributed to the continuous trust and confidence of professional sports promoters/organizers to the effective supervision and regulation by GAB personnel. For professional boxing, dialogues are being held on a regular basis by GAB Chairman, GAB Commissioners and GAB boxing personnel with boxing promoters, managers, boxers, seconds, trainers, etc., to determine their concerns and update them in the new policies and directives of the Board.

- b. For the **Professional Basketball and Other Professional Sports Division**, number of licenses issued increased to 1,169 in 2011, which is 24% higher than the figure for the previous year 2010, and the targeted number of licenses for 2011. This mainly could be attributed to increase in the number of professional sports held, particularly, billiard, golf, and international cockfighting events, so that the number of professional games regulated and supervised in 2011 increased by 20% to 3,013, well above the target for 2011.

The number of permits issued also increased by 17% to 424 for 2011, which is above the year's target, as a result of increase in number of professional games held. Effective supervision and regulation of professional basketball and other professional sports personnel have build the trust and confidence of professional sports organizers, encouraging them to hold more promotions.

- c. In the **Horse and Racing Betting Supervision Division**, the rising trend can be noticeable in the number of permits issued rose to 579, which is 6% higher than the previous year as well as the target for 2011. There was however a slight decrease in the number of licenses issued by 3% to 624 in 2011, which is attributable to the decline in the number or events held by 6% to 1,353 for 2011. This decline in figures is attributed to the canceling of some betting events such as Jackpot Nine, Magic Nine and SP6 events. However, Pick 4 event was started only on May 5, 2011 as a PRCI racing event only, which is also attributable to the decline of the number of events supervised and regulated. Overall, the constant monitoring of betting places or OTBs has been the key in the continuous and hence revenue-generating operations of the horse betting industry.

d. As for the **number of illegal bookie joints and other illegal forms of organized gambling in professional sports/games detected and prevented**, it will be observed that: there was a tremendous increase in the number of surveillances or casing activities as well as searches & seizure operations recorded for 2011 to 353 and 206, respectively – higher by 109% and 168% respectively, from the previous years figures and well above the target for the year. Number of persons arrested and number of cases filed and prosecuted increased also to 168 and 287 respectively. These figures represent 600% and 1096% increase from the previous year, and very much above the target. Such increases in AIGU activities were a result of:

- a. Intensified operations conducted by the Anti-Illegal Gambling Unit (AIGU) with hearings/trials of cases being attended actively by AIGU personnel in different branches of courts in Metro Manila and Other provinces;
- b. Effective re-planning of operations even if targets have resorted to the kangaroo- or guerilla-type of illegal gambling activities;
- c. More intensive operations even if illegal gamblers tried to escape even before the conduct of operations.

II. NEW REVENUE GENERATION FROM JAI ALAI

In a Decision promulgated by the Court of Appeals last August 2011, the authority of the Games and Amusements Board to supervise and regulate Jai Alai was decided in its favor against Meridien Vista Gaming Corporation (MVGC). Subsequently, this resumed GAB's supervisory and regulatory power over the Jai Alai operations within Cagayan. This also brought about the legal necessity for MVGC to secure the necessary permit for its operations and licenses for personnel from GAB. The permit is only temporary since there is a pending case before the Supreme Court on the operation of Jai-Alai in Metro Manila and other parts of the country. As a result, GAB has issued a total of 31 licenses, and 74 permits for the conduct of Jai Alai activities for 2011. Also, the number of betting/events regulated and supervised for Jai Alai operations reached 459 for 2011. The data is as follows:

A. Programs	Indicators	Target	Actual	Increase /	Percentage
				Decrease	of Increase or Decrease (%)
c. Regulation of Basque Pelota Games					
1. Regulation and Supervision of Basque Pelota Games					
	No. of licenses issued	-	31	31	100%
	No. of permits issued to operate off-track betting station	-	74	74	100%
	No. of betting / events regulated & supervised	-	459	459	100%

III. OTHER PROGRAMS OF THE BOARD

GAB Provident Fund

With the submission of its yearend report, the committee on GAB Provident Fund, spearheaded by the Chief of the Finance and Administrative Division, indicated an increase in Total Net Worth to P843,755.88 for year 2011, which is a substantial 65% increase from P509,160.95 the previous year. This sound financial result has redounded to more loans for the Provident Fund members, which approved and released money for 203 loan applications in 2011. This has also increased the number of members of the Fund to 93 active members with 289 share holdings.

Senior Citizens League of the Philippines

In lieu of the Senior Citizens Law of the Philippines, otherwise known as, Republic Act No. 7432, the GAB, in response to the letter of the Senior Citizens League of the Philippines, dated May 18, 2011 has expressed its support and advocacy to the League by issuing a call to all professional sports stakeholders **encouraging sport stakeholders to extend support to the programs and projects of the Senior Citizens League of the Philippines.** Informative campaign materials (paraphernalia, posters, etc.) on the rights and privileges of Senior Citizens have been planned for this initiative. Informative campaign materials shall also be posted in the GAB office premises, serving as main program of GAB for Senior Citizens.

All this is in lieu of the Joint Circular No. 2003 issued by the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) and the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) mandating the implementation of Section 29 of the General Appropriations Act of 2003 where it was stated that: "Whereas, the joint circular directs all National Government Agencies, Executives, Departments, Bureaus, Offices, Agencies, Commissions, and State Universities and Colleges to set aside at least one percent (1%) of their total budget for programs, projects and activities for Senior Citizens".

Moral Recovery Action Program (MRAP)

The Games and Amusements Board have been continuing with its programs in relation to MRAP. Such initiatives are expounded below:

PILAR	PROJECT
PILLAR I: ETHICAL LEADERSHIP	Compliance to the Code of Conduct (COC) for public officials Inculcating religious values among GAB officials and employees
Pillar II: Enhancing Individual Integrity	Instilling ethical values/Promoting Camaraderie among GAB officials and employees GAB Financial Security Program
Pillar III: Strengthening System's Integrity	Developing nationalism among GAB officials and employees Increasing organizational allegiance of GAB officials and employees to their agency Promoting love for nature in the agency through tree-planting project (subject to the approval of DENR)
Pillar IV: Monitoring, Evaluation and Affirmation	IDAP/MRAP Monitoring Committee Recognition of model employees (for preparation of guidelines)

Gender and Development (GAD) Plan

The Games and Amusements Board through a letter of endorsement from Ms. Emmeline Y. Versoza, Executive Director, Philippine Commission on Women, has also been continuing with its GAD programs, with the objective of empowering women not only in the GAB organization but also in the whole society in general.

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